



Cutting Red Tape

A Guide to Better Regulation

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The Lemna Government is another step closer to cutting red tape and making state regulations better for everyone, Regulatory Reform Minister Joe Tripodi said today.

The Better Regulation Office has released the *Guide to Better Regulation*, a comprehensive tool to help the public sector comply with a 'Three Rs' approach to regulation, ensuring it is required, responsive and reasonable.

"We know a light handed and effective regulatory environment creates the climate for a competitive and productive economy," Mr Tripodi said.

"We want efficient regulation which frees businesses to be innovative, entrepreneurial and to respond creatively and quickly to market opportunities."

The Guide implements many of the recommendations made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) on how regulation is developed and reviewed in NSW.

It establishes principles to ensure better regulation including identifying and minimising the cost of regulation, ensuring consultation, and considering non-regulatory approaches.

When considering new regulation, all government agencies will be required to consider simplification or repeal of existing, related regulations.

"Stakeholders also told IPART they wanted closer involvement in the development of regulation affecting them and we have acted on their request," Mr Tripodi said.

New Better Regulation Statements must demonstrate the better regulation principles have been applied.

They will be introduced for all new and amending Bills and Regulations from 1 June this year.

"I will certify Better Regulation Statements to help ensure new regulation does not add to the red tape burden," Mr Tripodi said.

The *Guide to Better Regulation* is available at www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au.